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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: J.M. Villecco
MITSUO NIIDA ET AL.)
: Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/361,413)
: Filed: July 27, 1999)
: For: DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,)
DATA COMMUNICATION CONTROL :
METHOD AND ELECTRONIC)
APPARATUS : May 20, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

The RCE includes a petition requesting that the time period for responding to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004 be extended one month to and including May 20, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee

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The claims are listed beginning at page 3, and the remarks begin at page 6.